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Things past may be repented, but not recalled.—Livy.

Milk.

Never before since the world began have the people at large been so thoroughly aroused to the importance of sanitation. Health is wealth. Health is progress. Health is happiness. It is, after all, the most important of all subjects. Every city now has its board of health, and it is the duty of such a board to search out the sources of disease, and, as far as may be, remove them. The board must keep a sharp lookout for smallpox and all contagious diseases. It must insist upon cleanliness. It must keep its eye on the water supply, and especially must it give close attention to the milk supply. As we said yesterday, the Richmond board will not impose unreasonable regulations upon the milkmen. We cannot believe that any producer of milk or dealer in milk in this community would knowingly sell a poisoned article to his customers. But milk producers and milk dealers are not all scientists. They do not all know under what conditions milk may become impure. There is but one way to avert danger, and that is for the board of health to make the rules and see that they are observed. It is the part of wisdom and fairness for the milkmen to co-operate with the board. If they will do so, there will be no complications. They should keep well in mind that the health of the people is the matter of prime consideration, and that the object of the board is not to oppress them, but to save the people from disease.

Mr. Watterson's Service.

The Louisville Courier-Journal publishes a symposium of newspaper opinions touching the approaching presidential campaign, but relating especially to Colonel Watterson's prediction that Hughes would be the Republican candidate. Our contemporary takes an admirable view of the various comments and criticisms, but naturally is somewhat offended by the saying of the Memphis News-Semitor that "of late years nobody takes Mr. Watterson very seriously or attaches any importance to his opinions or prophecies."
That is a very harsh speech to be made by one member of the family concerning another member who is honorable and in good standing, and who has done the party valuable service.

Colonel Watterson has left undone some things which he ought to have done and he has done some things which he ought not to have done. But what Democrat is free from such impeachments, both negative and positive? And shall we say that there is no health in him? Whatever delinquencies may be fairly chargeable against him, this much is certain—he has always been an able, fearless and loyal champion of the eternal fundamentals of Democracy. In the convention of 1892 an effort was made to sidetrack the tariff question, and a majority of the committee on resolutions reported a meaningless essay on that subject which Mr. Watterson aptly characterized as a "stump speech." He brought in a minority report denouncing the Republican tariff as a fraud and a robbery, and committing the party to a revenue tariff. He made a great speech in behalf of this report, and the convention adopted it with a hurrah. It was upon that plank that the party made its fight and won a splendid victory. If Mr. Watterson had performed no other party service he would for that alone be entitled to the respect and good-will of all Democrats.

"English as She Is Taught."

Some years ago a New York teacher in the public schools compiled and published a little book made up of the striking answers, observations and assertions of her pupils, mostly in exclamation, during her years of association with them. It was possibly the most amusing book ever published, fairly abounding in that unconscious humor which is so much the most laugh-provoking of all. No wit could possibly have devised anything so funny.

There is, of course, another side to the pursuit of such a book, and that is one's sense of regret that any children should be so poorly taught, or, at

any rate, so lamentably misinformed as to make such an array of answers possible. The slips of childhood, however, are pardonable. If gross errors of fact and terrible abuses of the English language were confined to that age, the cause of education might congratulate itself. But here is a Northern newspaper which has been at pains to examine some of the papers of young men who aspire to college entrance, and the result is anything but encouraging.

The books upon which this particular set of questions was based were those uniformly prescribed by the college board for entrance examination in English, books in which intelligent youth ought to find it possible to feel an interest. Scott's poetry, "The Merchant of Venice," Milton's "Comus" were among them. Here are a few replies which met the eye of the startled examiner:

There Shyllock had come to get his forfeit of a pound of flesh in perfect good faith, but got the raw end of the deal.

If any real good apology could be made for this first murder, all others would fall in line.

The lady in "Comus" remains pure just as any virtuous woman would. Comus, however, is not like a real person at all. No human being has the power of changing mortals into the shape of an animal.

Imagine how severe a blow feels when your only inability is abdicated in a number of days as taken.

I like Shakespeare very well and have read most of his Waverley novels. Asked whether Shakespeare's or Milton's characters seemed the more real, one scholar replied:

I think the way that Antonio died by his friend and was ready to die if necessary for him, was a higher, nobler and greater man than Comus.

Another, more non-committal, wrote: Some of the characters in Comus are more like real characters than those in Shakespeare's plays. Others are not as real.

Whose fault is this? Are these boys too stupid for the English classics? Or were they improperly and inadequately taught? Or is something wrong with the system that demands the reading of them at all hazards, and necessitates the cramming of them down reluctant throats, "Just to pass the examination?"

It is a great shame that the masterpieces of literature must be associated with any process which can produce results at all like these. It is an even greater one that the schools and colleges, with an opportunity second only to the home, can so fail to develop a genuine fondness for reading in the minds of their young charges.

To teach a boy to love books would be a fine work for either of them, even though they did nothing else for him.

Educational Meetings.

The Charleston News and Courier thinks the time is ripe for one or more of the leaders of Southern education to arrange for a "conference for education in the North." "The North needs it," says our contemporary.

"The North especially needs the help of the Americans of the South to teach it 'Americanism.' It is suffering for the want of instructors in the art of assimilating its heterogeneous and discordant elements."

The Times-Dispatch has more than once remarked that the "Conference for Southern Education" should be called the "Conference for Northern Education," seeing that the conferences have done so much to educate the Northern pilgrims.

Kidnapping.

The statement of the physicians that Horace Marvin, the four-year-old boy who disappeared from his home in Delaware on March 4th under mysterious circumstances, wandered into the marsh and died of cold and starvation is a horrible story, to be sure, yet even that should be more comforting to his distressed family than the thought that he had been stolen and murdered. Naturally, the first belief was that he had been kidnapped. Large rewards were offered, the best detectives were employed, the aid of the Legislature was invoked in an effort to find some trace of him, but all proved unavailing. Two months to a day from the time he was lost, his body was discovered a short distance from his home. The kidnapper plies his trade so often these days that the public reaches conclusions on the impulse of the moment which are not justified by the facts. At the same time, however, the framers of law should realize that as a crime kidnapping is even worse than murder, and the death penalty should be indicated when there is absolute proof. The Virginia law makes kidnapping for a ransom a capital crime in the discretion of the jury, and every State should have such a law.

The Responsibility of Juries.

Like many other Southern newspapers, the Savannah News is concerned over the increasing number of homicides and the ease with which men charged with that offense are acquitted by juries. It maintains that the number of tragedies will continue to increase unless a greater fear of the hangman's rope is spread abroad among the people. Solicitor-General Bennett of Waycross, said in an interview a few days ago that this fear

can only be created by a more strict enforcement of the law against the crime of murder. The Georgia record has been particularly bad; yet hardly more so than that found in other States. The News believes that the courts are trying to do their full duty, but it amplifies this statement by saying that it has reference to the trial judges, and perhaps the prosecuting officers, although it is not satisfied with the work of the men in the jury-room. The failure of jurors to convict when undeniable evidence of guilt is presented, under oath, is most discouraging to our people, especially to those who have found that the greatest obstacle in the way of bringing desirable immigrants to the South is the fact that in the Northwest and abroad there is a belief that life has never been and will never be secure in the Southern States. The law and order leagues which have been organized in many sections cannot hope to accomplish much in the face of this refusal of jurors to perform their duty. These leagues can at least undertake to create a more healthy public sentiment, and that seems to be the pressing need of the hour.

A Divided House.

We have the following letter from another university oracle:

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—If a house divided against itself must fall, the University of Virginia is undone on the molasses question. Those words, "rabbits" and "series" (which might be added "species," "scabies," etc.), are not analogous. They are Latin words, whose nominative singular and nominative plural are alike, which is not true of "molasses." You might as well say that because the plural of "terminus" is "termini," the plural of "omnibus" must be "omnibii."

This letter comes from one of the elders, but The Times-Dispatch does not think that "the point is well taken." In one sense, to be sure, there is no analogy between "series" and "molasses," but most of our English words form their plural by the same general rule—by adding "s" or "es" to the singular. By this rule we should add "ss" to both "series" and "molasses" in forming the plural; but euphony forbids.

The fact that the daily newspaper

is essential to the welfare of every community is clearly established in Butte, Mont., where no papers have been issued for more than two months, because of a strike in the pressrooms. The effect on the advertiser has been serious. According to a correspondent of the New York Times, every business interest has suffered, and the trade of the merchants has declined from 20 to 50 per cent. The dealers attribute this to absence of local newspapers. They have resorted to every possible advertising device. Billboards and dead walls have been covered with huge posters; but they fail to bring returns. In the same way the theatres, which usually depend upon these agencies, have noted a decrease of 50 per cent. in the patronage, and the real estate market has been similarly affected. Every branch of trade, in fact, has felt this change, and the lesson is convincing, not only in Butte, but in all cities where the business people have made themselves familiar with conditions.

The Jamestown Exposition Company is fortunate in having raised sufficient money to put on the finishing touches and make the exposition complete. Now let the work proceed as rapidly as possible and have all things in shipshape by the time the President comes again. It will be like a second opening of the exposition.

"If a party has as many as two members," says Mr. Bryan, "the conservative and radical elements will always appear." Of course, the qualifying clause makes this dictum of no interest to the Populist party.

The home of Benjamin Dangerfield, the Pittsburg Candy King, was looted during his daughter's wedding reception. Well, the knowing ones have said all along that it was risky to have Pittsburg people around the house.

"Twenty thousand people have asked a Kansas City man's pardon," says the Buffalo News. With a bunch like that asking, it would certainly be peevish of him not to grant it.

A Baltimore exchange figures that the American people spend five million a year on hashish. Think of it! Why, you can buy a nice, new conspiracy for that money.

John Poe, the old Princeton half-back, has been serving as captain in the Hawaiian army. It is surprising what mollycoddled cuttings old football players will sometimes adopt.

If there were fewer really nice public offices in this country, it is hard to see how the world would be any better off. Our ex-tough Riders.

Thomas W. Lawson has had an audience with the Pope in Rome. Whether his Holiness is out anything on the interview is not yet known.

Perhaps economists can tell us what will be the exact effect of the two-cent laws upon the number of railroad wrecks.

It is understood that "Shiver my timbers!" will be the favorite war cry when Taft takes the stump in Ohio.

It is to be hoped that Miss Gittman, when she gets her hands on the Stool money, will develop a certain tin tact.

Editor Stead is nothing less than a whole international convention of assorted inaccuracies.

Idaho will perform a real service to the public by permitting no allusions to the unwritten law at this time.

About the only thing left in the United States that hasn't been operated on for appendicitis is the Dingley tariff.

Rhymes for To-Day

Signs and Portents.

When the weatherman's work was done that night, and his faraway guess was guessed, he called to the weather-bureau place his signs from east and west, And shut them up in the bureau drawer to lie and take their rest.

Then the Fair-and-Warmer slant remarked to the chap that lay near by:

"I'm sick of the weeks I've lain in here with never a peep at the sky. If I don't get out in a day or two, I fear me I shall die."

And the chap that lay near by replied: "I don't think I'd repine. It's better by tent to lie and rest than have a job like mine—There's much to be learned in the ceaseless work of the Cold-and-Rainy sign."

And Fair-and-Warmer sniffed: "Tut, tut! You don't look liked!—By gee, You're as fresh as paint—the which I ain't—and dapper as can be!" And Rain-and-Colder sighed: "I'm new. He's used up six of me!" H. S. H.

MEERLY JOKING.

Met Accidentally. Alice: "How did you come to meet your second husband, Grace?" Grace: "It was merely accidental. He ran over with an automobile, and afterwards attended the funeral." Smart Set.

Perfectly Horrid. Grace: "You look tired. There's an awful work look about your mouth." Evelyn: "I guess you don't know my anatomy." Syracuse Herald.

He Knows It All. She: "You can always tell a Harvard man." He (from New Haven): "Yes; but you can't tell him much."—Harper's Weekly.

She Wouldn't Let Go. Sybil: "This is your first engagement, isn't it dear?" Claire: "Yes; and I'm going to take good care that it's the last."—Scraps.

The Cynical Senator. "He is a man of lofty ideals." "Indeed?" answered Senator Sorghum. "Although a man sometimes gets credit for lofty ideals when he is merely holding out for a high price."—Washington Star.

Couldn't Get In. She: "They've been married for nearly two months and she's not a bit jealous of her husband." He: "No wonder. His flat is so small that there isn't even room for suspicion."—Brooklyn Eagle.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

NOW that the fighting is all over, Honduras finds itself possessed of two presidents, whereas before the fighting commenced the country, which was certainly a costly war to Honduras.—Washington Herald.

The manager of the Taft boom in Ohio formally announces that Mr. Taft will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President at the coming election. It is too late to say anything in sight now.—New York Mail.

Between the tariff on steel and the State House contracts it is no wonder Pennsylvania is a land of millionaires.—Kansas City Times.

Reef says he fears injustice in San Francisco. But he's exactly the other thing that scares him.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, announces emphatically that Theodore Roosevelt is not to be elected President. He says it is too late to say anything in sight now.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

From the number of clonements reported from Delaware we have good reason to believe that the peach crop in that State is not a failure.—Washington Post.

COMMENTS OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.

The Same Old Story. Some months ago while the Jacksonville Times was looking for a new editor, it was asked by the national Democracy of a distinguished Virginian, we asked that paper how many delegates it could promise to that party at its own State of Florida. The Legislature in session at Tallahassee answered that question yesterday by an overwhelming vote. To answer in the affirmative. Suffice to say the favorite is not unknown to fame—nor to defeat.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Kill or Be Disgraced. It is not our argument, but the most forcible objection we have heard raised against the proposed law to that called "unwritten law" into a statute, giving a man the right to go out and kill any man who fails to be a member of the family of his family, is that with such a law, every time there is a suggestion of a wrong, a man will feel that the community is expecting him to kill somebody, and if he fails will look on him as a coward or something of the sort and ostracize him. With such a law in force the man who fails to kill will be disgraced.—Staunton Dispatch.

A New Negro Problem. If the colored churches of Petersburg wish to do a good work for morals and for the rising generation of the negro race in this city, they will start a vigorous campaign against whiskey-drinking, the use of cocaine and pool-gambling. These three vices are doing the young men of the negro race incalculable harm, and are the cause of much of their worthlessness and crime.—Petersburg Index-Appel.

Rennsuke's Boom. Rennsuke is building about two houses per day, and yet the demand is not supplied, nor will it be for a long time to come. The Norfolk and Western will soon have their extensive shops ready, which will give employment to about 1,000 men. This of itself means about 6,000 additional population. These people must be housed.—Richmond Dispatch.

Charlotteville's Needs. We need here a new courthouse, and a larger and more commodious house for the Young Men's Christian Association. Charlotteville is situated in the most beautiful section of Piedmont Virginia, is in a prominent degree desirable as a residential city, and we cannot expect to attract residents unless we replace the old edifice of a courthouse by a new and attractive one. The Young Men's Christian Association is expecting to build a new building for the Young Men's Christian Association.—The Progress.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. On Easter Monday in rural parts of Germany the young people dance on the village green. The merry-making quality is designated "the dance of the young men and women." Records of the United States Treasury Department show that of all the immigrants who land in New York City only four out of each hundred go to the Southern States.

Charles M. Schwab is credited with an ambition to make his manual training school at Washington, D. C., the show of the West. With Talmage, the celebrated Brooklyn preacher.

Of the Congressmen who have served since the foundation of this government, more than 12,000 individuals, only thirty-four have served 20 years or more. The record of the longest service is held by John H. Cushman, of New York, who served thirty-three years and was a member when he died. Mr. Cushman's record is not likely to be broken.

Since the last election to the next Congress he will, if he lives to the end of his term, take the first place in the list of veterans.

People Seen in Public Places

Judge J. B. Prince and Messrs. E. Frank Story and Claude J. Edwards, representing the bar of Southampton county in the city yesterday, and waited upon Governor Swanson in the interest of Mr. W. J. Sebrell, a candidate for judge of the Circuit Court, to succeed Judge R. R. Frazier, who will shortly retire to accept an appointment on the State Corporation Commission. The Governor heard the Southampton lawyers, but, of course, he did not commit himself. The delegation warmly praised Mr. Sebrell, and said that the people of Southampton were earnestly in favor of him for the appointment. They declared that they hoped the Governor would name Mr. Sebrell, but that in any event, he would very likely stand for the honor before the Democratic civil caucus of the next Legislature. The visitors are greatly pleased with the appointment of Judge Frazier to the Corporation Commission, and believe the action of the Governor in naming him is giving widespread satisfaction.

Judge Prince will not stand for reelection to the House. He and his friends in the delegation expressed the opinion that Captain W. W. Williams, former bailiff of the Corporation Commission, will come to the House from Southampton without opposition.

General Stith Bolling, postmaster of Petersburg, and a prominent leader among the Confederate veterans, was in the city yesterday, and called on Postmaster Cabell.

Hon. James H. Cato, of Alexandria, will not be a candidate for the speakership of the next House of Delegates, according to a letter written by the Alexandria man to a friend here. The letter makes Colonel Cato's position plain, and states that he will not be a candidate for speaker.

With reference to the speakership, I find myself with three personal friends as candidates, who stood by me to the last as a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, and although I might be ambitious to occupy the exalted office of speaker, I do not feel disposed to oppose those friends in their aspirations, and have, therefore, concluded not to be a candidate for speaker.

Next Tuesday I appreciate the suggestions of my friends, which have come from quite a number of my friends, but I believe if I return to the Legislature, that I can be of more service on the floor than in the speaker's chair, and at the same time will not clash with my friends.

Former Judge Clarence J. Campbell, of Amherst, who is editor of the New Era, and Mr. W. McDonald Lee, of the Virginia Citizen, were in the city yesterday, attending a meeting of the executive committee of the Virginia Press Association, of which they are members. They stopped at Murphy's, and returned to their respective homes last night.

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By JOHN KEATS.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

Happy is England! I could be content To see no other verdure than its own; To feel no other breezes than are blown Through its tall woods with high romances blent.

Yet do I sometimes feel a languishment For sleek Italian, and an inward groan To sit upon an Alp as on a throne, And half forget what world or worldling meant.

Happy is England, sweet her artless daughters; Enough their simple loveliness for me, Enough their whitest arms to silence clinging; Yet do I often warmly burn to see Beauties of deeper glance, and hear their singing, And float with them about the summer waters.

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AMUSEMENTS. NEW SANITARIUM TO BE BUILT HERE

Academy of Music—Miss Percy Haswell in "Leah Kleschna." Bijou—"Around the Clock." Idlewood—Skating Rink.

Miss Haswell Here.

The summer season was inaugurated last night at the Academy of Music by Miss Percy Haswell, in a splendid production of "Leah Kleschna," the play with which Mrs. Fleke achieved marked success season before last. The play is a powerful one, and gives Miss Haswell opportunity for some of the best work she has ever done in Richmond. Her characterization of Leah Kleschna, the girl thief, is splendid, and dominates the five interesting acts of the play.

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